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MONTANA KAIMIN

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Kerr collects cash for Hurricane Katrina victims

EMMA SCHMAUTZ
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In October 2001, when the rental house of University of Montana student Blaine Platt burned down and his golden Labrador, Tyler, died of smoke inhalation, anthropology professor Garry Kerr carried a cider jug with him everywhere he went and collected over \$850 in change and gift donations from local businesses.

Four year later, he is at it again.

Prompted by the desire to help another of his students who lost his home and all possessions to a fire in June, as well as wanting to help the human and animal victims of Hurricane Katrina, Kerr has once again taken up the jug — in the form of plastic tonic water bottles — in a mission to collect hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in donations.

"The Dalai Lama and Jane Goodall were right: one person can make a difference," Kerr said. "If each student gave a dime, if each student gave a dollar, what a difference that could make."

Kerr began carrying the bottles around with him last Thursday and has collected approximately \$200 so far.

The professor, who instructs almost 600 students a semester, estimates nearly 8,000 students on campus have had or currently have him as a teacher — and he hopes that each one of them will give a small donation.

The UM student Kerr is collect-



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

Anthropology professor Garry Kerr holds water bottles full of money in his office in the Social Sciences building Thursday. He collected donations to help a student who lost his home and possessions to a fire, and the human and animal victims of Hurricane Katrina. "There's still an empty [bottle], but it will be full by tomorrow," Kerr said.

ing money for wishes to remain anonymous, so Kerr refers to him as "the nice young man whose name is Jeff."

Jeff lost everything in his home to smoke, fire and water damage when his neighbor's house caught on fire. He recently heard about his teacher's past endeavor and

approached Kerr asking if he could do anything to help.

Kerr mentioned Jeff's plight in one of his classes, and another student offered him a place to stay in a spare room she had not yet rented out.

"Jeff didn't realize there was support around him, but there is,"

Kerr said. "I told Jeff that a sense of self is good, but it's a sense of community that's really important."

Kerr, who never goes without dog biscuits in his pocket, felt a calling to help both two and four-legged victims of Katrina while

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Bush promises New Orleans will 'rise again'

Government will foot rebuilding bill, Democrats doubt Bush's commitment

NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — President Bush promised Thursday night the government will pay most of the costs of rebuilding the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast in one of the largest reconstruction projects the world has ever seen. "There is no way to imagine America without New Orleans, and this great city will rise again," the president said.

Standing in Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter, Bush acknowledged his administration had failed to respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina, which killed hundreds of people across five states. The government's costs for rebuilding could reach \$200 billion or beyond.

"Four years after the frightening experience of Sept. 11, Americans have every right to expect a more effective response in a time of emergency," the president said. When the government fails to meet such an obligation, Bush said, "I as president am responsible for the problem, and for the solution."

Bush ordered his Cabinet secretaries to join in a comprehensive review of the govern-

ment's faulty response. In addition, he told the Department of Homeland Security to undertake an immediate review of emergency plans in every major city in America.

He also said a disaster on the scale of Katrina requires greater federal authority and a broader role for the armed forces.

Unusual for a prime-time address, Bush stood tieless in a blue dress shirt. At his back, the famous palm tree-framed St. Louis Cathedral was brightly lit. Elsewhere in the famed city, workers were still pumping out flooded neighborhoods and collecting bodies left behind in the frantic evacuation.

Bush proposed establishment of worker recovery accounts providing up to \$5,000 for job training, education and child care during victims' search for employment. He also urged legislation to provide education, small business help and health care. He proposed creation of a Gulf Opportunity Zone in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama offering tax breaks to encourage businesses to stay in the devastated region and new businesses to open.

In the speech, which lasted a bit over 20 minutes, he said he would ask Congress to approve an Urban Homesteading Act in which surplus federal property would be turned over

to low-income citizens by means of a lottery to build homes, with mortgages or assistance from charitable organizations.

Other proposals, according to congressional officials briefed by the White House, include:

- A 100 percent reimbursement to states to cover their costs of health care for treating many evacuees through the end of next year.
- \$1.9 billion to reimburse states for educating displaced students, including some money that could go to religious schools.
- Six-month forgiveness on student loan interest for affected areas, at an estimated cost of \$100 million.

Bush repeated a hotline number, 1-877-568-3317, for people to call to help reunite family members separated during the hurricane. Moments later, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., criticized Bush, saying "Leadership isn't a speech or a toll-free number."

"No American doubts that New Orleans will rise again," Kerry said. "They doubt the competence and commitment of this administration." House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, in a joint statement, said, "We are concerned by

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Universities celebrate Constitution anniversary

ERIN MADISON
MONTANA KAIMIN

Last fall, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., tucked a new law into an appropriations bill, said University of Montana history professor Mike Mayer.

The law states that all schools that receive federal funds, a group that includes the University of Montana, must hold programs about the United States Constitution on Constitution Day.

Though the law didn't state what would happen to schools that didn't offer such programs, UM is complying, Mayer said.

Constitution Day will be celebrated Sept. 17, the anniversary of the day the Constitution was ratified in 1787.

Mayer thinks the Constitution Day requirements raise an interesting issue of whether the federal government should be telling UM and other schools what to do.

"I'm kind of offended that Byrd decreed this," he said.

Byrd was once a member of the Ku Klux Klan, Mayer said. Apparently he has a problem with the Bill of Rights, but not the Constitution, Mayer mused.

This year, Sept. 17 falls on a Saturday, and Mayer didn't think many people would attend a Saturday night speech, so UM held its programs Tuesday and Wednesday.

The first of the two events was a talk held Tuesday night in Urey Lecture Hall titled, "The Constitution, Medical Marijuana and the Limits of Federal Power," by attorney James Goetz.

Mayer joked that lots of students at the University are interested in marijuana, medical or not.

Goetz is an attorney at a Bozeman law firm who has argued two cases before the Supreme Court. He is also the founding member of the Montana American Civil Liberties Union.

As a constitutional litigator, Goetz's specialty is rare in his field.

Most lawyers work for businesses or private practices and don't actually try constitutional cases. Very few ever go before the Supreme Court during their careers, Mayer said.

Kermit Hall, who is currently

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EDITORIAL**E-mail shouldn't replace all other communication**

I'm guilty.

I admit it. I'm one of the many University of Montana students who is stubbornly dragging her feet, kicking and screaming to start checking my UM e-mail account.

Maybe it's because last year it never worked. Maybe it's because I'm too lazy to memorize my 17th login and password. Or maybe I'm starting to realize that my life is slowly becoming governed by professors who want me reading blogs daily, friends corresponding with me by Hotmail, the bank enticing me with a new deal to check my statement online and my cell phone company offering \$20 off the next bill if I do the same with them.

Just mail me the bill, OK? I am not always near a computer. I don't want to always be near a computer. And, as we all know, computers don't always work.

Yep, I'm being hypercritical. As I write this, I am frequently checking to see if a newspaper editor has e-mailed me back about a job. For many things in my life, the Internet and e-mail have provided an efficient, convenient mode of communication and when I can, I take complete advantage of it.

But not for everything.

Call me old-fashioned, but yes, I still want my tuition bill mailed to my house. I want my professors to talk to me in class and tell me what my next assignment is, and, as scary as it sounds these days, I want class discussion to be face-to-face conversation, not electronic Blackboard entries.

Most importantly, I want the University to implement the change to e-mailing information only when it is logical.

They reminded us time and time again last year that they were switching from mailed tuition bills to online bills sent to our student UM e-mail addresses, and of course I forgot. I forgot until I got a call from the University reminding me what was owed and that they were tacking on a late fee. Fair enough. They warned me.

But there are some things for which there aren't warnings, like changes in the status of your scholarship or financial aid.

A friend of mine who attends the University on a music scholarship took a job in Alaska this summer. She returned to find the status of her scholarship changed and therefore needed to pay to live in Pantzer Hall or find another place to live immediately.

My friend spent a frustrating first week running back and forth from financial aid to classes, all the while trying to find a new place to live. The rug was pulled out from under her and the University failed to make sure she was informed.

Financial matters are too important to discuss through e-mail. It is not reliable enough, particularly during the summer. It is not fair for the University to just assume or hope that people are getting the information.

I understand that it is more time and cost efficient and environmentally friendly to send e-mail rather than call or send a letter, but let's not sacrifice reasonable communication between the University and its students for dollars. One has to be more important than the other.

Eventually I will jump on the bandwagon. I understand the world is changing every day and I must keep up with it. But we must be reasonable.

As a university, we have to succeed at this balancing act – cutting costs, keeping up with technology and serving students.

Please don't sacrifice the latter for the other two.

—Kayla Stewart, news editor

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ON THE ISSUE**Law professor discusses Roberts' nomination**

KELLY JACKSON

FOR THE KAIMIN



University of Montana Law School assistant professor Larry Howell discusses his thoughts on John Roberts, the newly nominated Chief Justice of the United States, in his office in the Law School Thursday. Howell has been a faculty member of the UM for nine years.

Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

After Chief Justice William Rehnquist's death earlier this month, President Bush nominated federal appeals court judge John G. Roberts Jr. to take his place. In the past three days, Roberts has appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee answering questions on issues like his stance on abortion and his interpretation of the Constitution. The Kaimin recently sat down with Larry Howell, an assistant professor of law at the University of Montana who teaches appellate advocacy, legal analysis and legal writing, to ask some questions about Roberts' nomination.

Kaimin: Why is John Roberts' nomination so important?

Howell: The chief justice of the United States is basically in charge of court administration, but also serves the role of trying to get the court to speak with one voice, which Chief Justice Rehnquist hadn't been that successful in. So it's important for that reason, but this nomination is particularly important because of how young John Roberts is, because he's only 50 years of age, and justices tend to serve into their late 70s or 80s. We're looking at him being on the court for 30-some years. My understanding is he's the youngest nominee in over 200 years. His legacy will be substantial.

Kaimin: What do you think about Roberts' politics?

Howell: I think he is conservative politically. He wouldn't have worked in Republican administrations as a lawyer if he wasn't. The real question is how is that going to shape his legal rulings as a justice on the Supreme Court, and unfortunately, he has refused to answer many questions that would answer that question.

Kaimin: What valid questions do you think the public should ask him?

Howell: This Supreme Court was recently asked to determine whether judicial candidates for office could be prevented from speaking out on matters that might come before them because some states prohibited them from doing so, and the judge couldn't punish them for speaking out. The Supreme Court said that those laws were invalid. So the U.S Supreme Court has said that a judicial candidate for elected office can speak out on any issues if he wants to. Nothing legally is preventing John Roberts from answering the questions before him. He's drawn a personal line. He says that he doesn't think it would be appropriate for him to answer questions that go to specific issues he might be asked to rule on later on, and that's a fairly mainstream view. But he's using it to avoid answering a much broader range of questions than I think he should be. For somebody who's going to get a lifetime appointment, I think the public should know whether he thinks *Roe v. Wade* was properly decided. That's a case that's already been ruled on. He can look at that, and say that that case on those facts either was or wasn't properly decided.

*Kaimin: Besides questions dealing with *Roe v. Wade*, are there other questions you feel he should be able to answer?*

Howell: I think he should be able to give his views on any case that's been decided because that's not a perspective case. Now, he can reserve the right to say, however, "If those facts change I might reach a different conclusion, but given the facts of *Roe v. Wade*, or given the facts of the Lawrence case striking down criminal laws against homosexuality, I agree with that opinion or I don't agree with that opinion," but politically, Roberts is refusing to do that.

Kaimin: If you were on the Senate, what question would you ask Roberts?

Howell: I don't think there's any question I could come up with that the collective minds of all the Senate staffers haven't asked in terms of hoping to get to his underlying politics and judicial philosophies. So I would ask him maybe a question like, how does he think he's going to get along with Justice Scalia, who thinks he deserves to be chief justice?

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Six Picks

FRIDAY

Kelly Joe Phelps with Tom Catmull

Head down to the Wilma Theater for a chance to see this acoustic guitar player. Fans of folk music would probably enjoy this. Tickets are \$15 in presale or \$18 at the door. Missoula Folklore Society Members get a \$2 discount when they attend.

SATURDAY

76 Charger with local openers

This will be a treat for all you rock/punk/garage rock fans, as it promises to be a loud rockin' show. Local openers the International Playboys and the Reptile Dysfunction kick off the show at 9 p.m.

The show is at The Other Side, admission is \$5 for 21+ and \$7 for those 18 to 20.

SUNDAY

String Orchestra of the Rockies

Can't handle the rock? Come check out this string orchestra. Featured guest Gonzalo Ruiz will be playing the oboe. The concert is in the UM Music Recital Hall, on the first floor of the music building. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for the general public. Get tickets at Fact and Fiction bookstore, Rockin' Rudy's or Morgenroth Music.

MONDAY

The End of the Sun Fest

It's that time of year again when the days start getting shorter. Come celebrate the beginning of the fall season with some music from A Story Ending, Colin Springs, At the Spin and Satan's Slave. The show is upstairs at Higgins Alley, located on 424 N. Higgins. Ave. Show starts at 9 p.m. and admission is \$5.

TUESDAY

Pigeon John with DJ Taka and DJ Naj

If you're into underground hip-hop you might wanna check out this show from California-based rapper Pigeon John. Local DJs Taka and Naj open the show. The show is at The Other Side and starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$6 for 21+ and \$8 for those 18 to 20.

WEDNESDAY

Culture featuring Joseph Hill

If you dig on classic reggae from the 1970s you'll probably won't wanna miss this show. These guys are considered legends. Expect lots of good vibes, dreadlocks and maybe even a contact high. The show is at The Other Side and starts at 10 p.m. Admission is \$16 for 21+ or \$18 for those 18 to 20.

Funky Freshness



Here's what Stacey Walker, a freshman in anthropology thinks you should check out:

1. Green Day, Louis XIV, Rock and Roll Soldiers (music)
She enjoys the energy these bands have in their music.

2. Dan Brown (author)
Writer of "The DaVinci Code." She thinks it's a good book, likes his writing and the subject matter.

3. "Casablanca," "Cool Hand Luke," "Bonnie and Clyde" (movies)
She enjoys classic cinema and she thinks they're all good movies worth checking out.

Corrections:
In the Thursday, Sept. 15 issue, the Kaimin incorrectly identified ASUM senator Brent Epperson as Brad Epperson. The article also stated Josh Buchman was the only dissenting vote; Jesse Piedfort also dissented. The Kaimin regrets the error.

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Tulku Sang-ngag Rinpoche

Tibetan Buddhism - Why Bother?
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by Starting with Ourselves - 9 Week Course

When: Thursday nights starting Sept. 22nd through Nov. 17th , 7-9pm
Where: First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main, Missoula
Who: Tulku Sang-ngag Rinpoche, a Tibetan reincarnated lama and Sangak Tsomo, his long time American student



Sangak Tsomo

Ewam is pleased to announce a weekly course on Tibetan Buddhism. No prior knowledge of Buddhism is necessary. We will start from the very first question the Buddha asked when he began his own spiritual inquiry, "If everyone wants to be permanently happy, and we all try so hard to achieve it, *why can't we?*" The spirit of the meetings will be one of open, lively inquiry. The format will be lecture, questions, discussion and practice. This beginning class, which will teach the foundational skillful means of self-transformation traditionally practiced by Tibetans, aims to help us understand and begin to address our predicament-hopefully more effectively than in the past! It will be tailored to Westerners, yet the "real deal" will be taught.

Most of the time, due to his busy schedule, Spiritual Director of Ewam, Tulku Sang-ngag Rinpoche will not be able to teach the class himself. Because of this a local student of his, Sangak Tsomo, will usually teach the classes. Rinpoche is an authentic Tibetan reincarnated lama who is the lineage holder of some of the most widely practiced lineages in Tibet. He is the sole qualified holder of the Namchak Lineage which was created especially for these times.

Rinpoche has studied and trained extensively under some of the greatest lamas of the last century, and has many monasteries and centers under his guidance. We are incredibly fortunate that he has chosen Arlee, Montana as his main seat in America and that he is willing to teach all stages of the Tibetan Buddhist path to students who are ready and capable of pursuing it. He offers both teaching and practice retreats every year in Arlee.

In addition to decades of daily meditation practice, Sangak Tsomo has studied and completed many intensive retreats under Rinpoche's close instruction and supervision, including the course of study and practice of the traditional Three-Year Retreat, and has received many empowerments and teachings from him as well. She also holds a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology. Her direct, clear, often humorous approach includes many stories and examples from modern life. Tsomo has said, "The Tibetans have been using a system developed over thousands of years, with many documented successes. They have proven, powerful methods of transformation. The problem for the Western mind is to be able to *successfully use* these methods to attain the same results." Since she is quite learned in both Eastern and Western methods, Tsomo hopes to act as a bridge for interested practitioners.

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Stoners' stashes, swastika sketcher, seven-shooter showdown

PETER BULGER

MONTANA KAIMIN

Sept. 9, 11:30 p.m.

Someone in Miller Hall reported the odor of marijuana coming from a room.

Public Safety officers knocked on the door and had a conversation with the room's residents, during which they noticed a bag of marijuana on a desk.

Christopher Sharp, an 18-year-old student, was cited for criminal possession of dangerous drugs and warned on possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors.

"A conviction of possession of dangerous drugs can affect federal financial aid," said Capt. Jim Lemcke with the Office of Public Safety. "It's certainly something to remember when toking up."

"Marijuana doesn't fit into the educational process anyway. It's not going to help in school."

Sept. 10, 1:25 a.m.

Public Safety received a call complaining of the smell of marijuana throughout the entire third floor of Jesse Hall.

Officers knocked on the door near where the odor was strongest and saw what Lemcke said they see in many rooms: students smoking marijuana with a fan blowing out the window and a towel under the door.

"That stuff doesn't really help," he said.

Patrick Anderson, an 18-year-old student, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sept. 11, 12:26 a.m.

Officers were dispatched to a disturbance call at the University Villages and found a man and woman arguing.

The man and woman agreed to separate for the night, but officers found that the man had marijuana and a pipe.

Mike Pritchard, a 23-year-old who doesn't attend the University of Montana, was cited for criminal possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sept. 11, 1:19 a.m.

Someone reported the smell of marijuana coming from a room in Jesse Hall.

Officers responded and found a jar full of marijuana as well as some beer.

Cody McConville, a 19-year-old student, was cited for criminal possession of dangerous drugs. Officers also poured his beer out because he is underage, Lemcke said.

Sept. 11, 4:58 a.m.

Bike patrol officers saw two men looking in the window of a Duniway Hall room in what looked like a break-in attempt.

The officers spoke with the men, who had forgotten their key and were trying to get into their room. They were released.

"I'm sure they had an all-night study group and had to break in to change to go to church," Lemcke said.

Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m.

A man tried to return a book to the Bookstore, but when asked for identification, he exited the store and left the book at the counter.

Sept. 14, 8:58 p.m.

A security officer for the vendor contracted to sell alcohol at the Keith Urban concert was kicked out of the Adams Center for disorderly conduct ... The man was hassling an off-duty city police officer who had arrested him in the past, Lemcke said.

PoliceBlotter



Bookstore employees called Public Safety, and they saw on the security tapes that the man hadn't come into the store with the book, but had taken it off the shelf without buying it.

Officers have a picture of the man but not his identification.

"The astute Bookstore employees, ever-vigilant, they've seen these scams before," Lemcke said.

Sept. 13, 3:14 p.m.

Public Safety received a call that someone had vandalized the

College Republicans cubicle in the University Center.

Someone had used a marker to draw a swastika on a picture of President George Bush, Lemcke said.

"Somebody doesn't like Republicans, I guess," he said.

Sept. 13, 10 p.m.

Seven men were shooting at each other with soft pellet guns in the area between the UC and the Mansfield Library.

Lemcke said. "I think that poodle was trying to bite off more than he could chew."

The owner was warned about the problem and took the dog off campus, Lemcke said.

Officers received a similar call involving other dogs later in the day, Lemcke said. People need to keep their dogs leashed, otherwise it puts them in a position to get in trouble, he said.

"Campus is a nice place to walk your dog through on a leash, but it's not a bring-your-dog-to-school thing," he said.

Sept. 14, 8:58 p.m.

A security officer for the vendor contracted to sell alcohol at the Keith Urban concert was kicked out of the Adams Center for disorderly conduct.

The man was hired by a local bar, the Rhino, which sold alcohol at the Adams Center during the concert, Lemcke said.

"They brought a security person with them and he ended up being the problem, so he was ejected," Lemcke said.

The man was hassling an off-duty city police officer who had arrested him in the past, Lemcke said.

"He was saying it was the officer's fault for ruining his life, or something like that," Lemcke said.

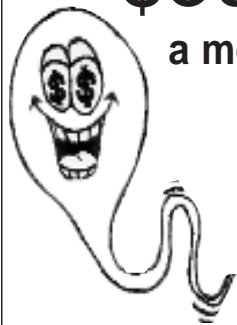


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the president of Albany State University in New York, spoke on Wednesday in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

"He's one of the biggest names in the field," Mayer said.

Hall has written a number of books on the Supreme Court and law history.

"It's great to get him out here to speak."

Other examples of colleges'

Constitution Day celebrations are a breakfast and a panel discussion on constitutional rights at California State University at Northridge, a Constitution trivia game at Millersville University in Pennsylvania and a brown-bag lunch at the University of Puget Sound in Washington state, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

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Baghdad streets deserted after suicide bombs target police

SLOBODAN LEKIC

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Suicide bombers inflicted another day of mayhem in the capital Thursday, killing at least 31 people in two attacks about a minute apart that targeted Iraqi police and Interior Ministry commandos. The carnage left nearly 200 people dead in just two days.

A dozen bombings during a nine-hour spate of terror Wednesday killed at least 167 people and wounded nearly 600 — Baghdad's worst day of bloodshed since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

U.S. officials blamed the bombing onslaught on efforts by the Sunni Arab-dominated insurgency to answer the Iraqi army's successful offensive in the northern city of Tal Afar and to undermine the Oct. 15 referendum on Iraq's new constitution.

"These spikes of violence are predictable around certain critical events that highlight the progress of democracy," said Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, the chief American military spokesman.

"Remember, democracy equals failure for the insurgency. So there has to be heightened awareness now as we work our way toward the referendum. That's power,

that's movement toward democracy."

Al-Qaida in Iraq, headed by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the bombing campaign launched after an Iraqi-U.S. force of 8,500 soldiers stormed Tal Afar, an insurgent bastion, this week.

Al-Zarqawi then purportedly declared "all-out war" on Shiite Muslims, Iraqi troops and the government in what the United States has called a desperate propaganda campaign to derail the political process.

Leaders of the Sunni Arab minority in Iraq have vowed to defeat the constitution, which they claim favors the Shiite majority and the Kurds.

Lynch said the joint force killed 145 insurgents and captured 361 in the second operation in a year to rid Tal Afar of militants, including foreign fighters crossing from Syria.

Now, he said, U.S. forces along with the Iraqis were fighting to regain control of the Syrian border, near the western insurgent stronghold of Qaim well to the south of Tal Afar.

"The focus is ... to restore control of the border and in this particular case the border with Syria," he said. "We believe that the terrorists and foreign fighters are entering Iraq across the Syrian

border, down the Euphrates River Valley into Baghdad."

Recent violence only served to deepen the misery in Baghdad, where streets were noticeably quieter Thursday — deserted in the southern Dora district where the latest bombings were concentrated.

U.S. and Iraqi forces using loudspeakers roamed the district warning residents to stay indoors because five more suicide car bombers were believed to be in the area.

Many victims of Wednesday's attacks were killed shortly after dawn when a bomber lured day laborers to his small van with the promise of work, then detonated his explosives in the heavily Shiite Kazimiyah district.

Some of the dead were taken for burial Thursday to the huge Shiite cemetery in the holy city of Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad.

"We appeal to the government to punish those criminals immediately," said Ali Hamza, a victim's father, in tears.

As al-Qaida in Iraq intensified its bombing and propaganda campaign, the government hit back with threats.

"We will not retreat or be silent. There will be no room for you (insurgents) in all of Iraq. We will chase you wherever you go," Defense Minister Sadoun al-

Dulaimi, a Sunni, told reporters.

Iraqi authorities have taken pains in recent days to convince the population that the insurgency is overwhelmingly foreign, claiming, for example, that they arrested a Palestinian and a Libyan in the Kazimiyah attack. The bomber was a Syrian, the government said without detailing evidence.

The Americans have quietly contradicted that government line, saying the insurgency is only about 20 percent foreign.

The massive bombings took place with both Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari in the United States.

"Today, Iraq is facing one of the most brutal campaigns of terror at the hands of the forces of darkness," Talabani said Thursday, addressing the U.N. General Assembly with an appeal for international help.

"We are in desperate need of your experience, investment and your moral support for the effort to fight terrorism."

With bombs continuing to explode in Baghdad, U.S. forces and insurgents reportedly clashed in Ramadi, a militant stronghold on the road to neighboring Jordan. A Web posting purportedly from Al-Qaida in Iraq said its forces engaged the American military in the predominantly Sunni city.

Police Capt. Nasir Alusi said U.S. and Iraqi troops in Ramadi came under mortar attack as militants roamed the streets. Shops were closed and streets empty. Automatic gunfire echoed through the area, he said.

The Americans did not confirm the engagement, but Lynch said U.S. operations were continuing in Anbar province, where Ramadi is the capital.

Meanwhile, The Associated Press obtained the text of minor, final changes to Iraq's draft constitution. The United Nations is to print the draft in Baghdad and insure its distribution before the referendum, but the world body said it was awaiting final approval. There were conflicting reports on when Iraq's parliament would sign off on the document.

Two articles in the draft were changed, one was dropped entirely and one was added. Of those, the main change was a new clause noting that Iraq was a founding member of the Arab League, an addition Sunni Arabs sought to underline the country's links with the Arab world.

The dropped passage gave the constitution precedence over international human rights agreements, which the United States asked to be removed.

U.S. soldier found guilty of smuggling

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FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — A soldier stationed in Colombia as part of the U.S. war on drugs was sentenced to six years in prison Thursday after pleading guilty in a scheme to smuggle cocaine into the United States using military planes.

Army Staff Sgt. Kelvin Irizarry-Melendez, 26, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, wrongful importation of cocaine and a charge related to taking money to Colombia.

Lt. Col. Jeffery Nance sentenced Irizarry-Melendez to six years, reduced his rank to private and ordered a dishonorable discharge. Under a plea deal, Irizarry-Melendez could have been sentenced to no more than 9 1/2 years.

Irizarry-Melendez apologized to his family, the court and the Army in a brief statement. He said he joined in the drug ring in part to help support his family and pay for costly medical treatments to help correct his daughter's debilitating foot problem.

"I felt I had to do something to help with my daughter's condition," a tearful Irizarry-Melendez said.

He and three other soldiers were accused of smuggling cocaine from a U.S. base in Colombia. All four have been jailed since their arrests earlier this year.

Irizarry-Melendez also had been charged with making a false official statement, illegal use of cocaine and illegal use and transportation of weapons, according to post officials. Those charges were not pursued as part of the plea agreement.

The accused ringleader, Staff Sgt. Daniel Rosas, who is scheduled to stand trial later this month, told investigators that he and Irizarry-Melendez were responsible for the drug smuggling, with the other two soldiers concentrating mostly on fronting money to buy the drugs.

Irizarry-Melendez told the judge Thursday that he assisted the operation, and even helped another soldier steal cocaine from Rosas, but didn't smuggle drugs or money.

Spec. Francisco Rosa pleaded guilty last month to a series of charges and was sentenced to five years in prison, a reduction in rank to private and a bad-conduct discharge.

Staff Sgt. Victor J. Portales is scheduled for trial in November.

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kitchen and show that it can be done with Montana products.

The recipes are meant to be fast and relatively cheap. Siegel was able to produce his dish in about 15 minutes. And while the time saved by going to a fast-food joint for dinner may be priceless to many students, they may be able to help out their cash supply by staying home and cooking.

Surprisingly, the dish prepared at the show would cost about \$2.50 without morel mushrooms, \$3.50 with them, Siegel said.

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Hurricane Ophelia becomes a menacing tropical storm

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SALTER PATH, N.C. (AP) – Hurricane Ophelia, North Carolina's least welcome guest, refused to leave again Thursday, lashing the Outer Banks with rain and wind as coastal residents elsewhere returned to damaged homes and businesses.

Ophelia just "beat us and beat us and beat us," one storm-weary resident said before the system was downgraded to a tropical storm Thursday night when its sustained winds dropped to 70 mph.

While the weakening storm's center was expected to stay just off shore, the northern side of Ophelia's eyewall, the ring of high wind surrounding the eye, could remain over the Outer Banks until midday Friday, the National Hurricane Center said.

Gov. Mike Easley said gauging the scope of the damage was difficult because of the storm's slow path, first affecting the state's southeastern coast on Tuesday and then crawling north and east Wednesday and Thursday to its position off the Outer Banks.

"It's almost like working three different storms," Easley said.

More than 12,000 homes and businesses remained without power late Thursday in eastern North Carolina, utilities said, down from a high of 200,000 overnight.

It appeared the mainland had dodged the severe flooding many had feared, but the wind and waves had taken a toll.

"We were not expecting this," said Laurie Garner, whose boyfriend's restaurant was severely damaged at Salter Path on Bogue Banks, southwest of Morehead City.

Salter Path Fire Capt. Joey Frost estimated that as many as 25 people had to be rescued. In neighboring Emerald Isle, six houses were destroyed and more than 120 had major damage, Fire Capt. Bill Walker said.

Ophelia, an erratic storm that has looped and meandered north since forming off the Florida coast last week, stalled early Thursday afternoon, then resumed a slow eastward drift toward the open ocean, the hurricane center said.

A hurricane warning for the North Carolina coast was reduced to a tropical

storm warning, extending from Cape Lookout northward to Cape Charles Light, Va., including the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, the hurricane center said.

The storm was blamed for one traffic death. Earlier, a surfer disappeared in rough water off the coast of South Carolina.

On the Outer Banks, Dare County officials said Hatteras Island reported gusts up to 95 mph.

Other than power outages, Hatteras Island was in pretty good shape, said county spokeswoman Sharon Sullivan.

Farther north on the Outer Banks, most businesses remained open in Nags Head and Manteo and a few people braved intermittent rain squalls to shop or check out the surf.

David Goddard, 58, of Ashburn, Va., said he was a bit disappointed in Ophelia.

"I'm a weather junkie," he said. "I thought it was gonna be worse than this."

Ocean water was not expected to wash over the islands, although coastal storm surge flooding of 4 feet to 6 feet above normal tide was expected, along with large and battering waves.

At 11 p.m. EDT, Ophelia was centered about 65 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. It was drifting east at about 5 mph, and was expected to pick up speed Friday, the hurricane center said. With top sustained winds of 70 mph, it was 4 mph below hurricane strength.

A tropical storm watch was issued for southeastern Massachusetts, including Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

South of the Outer Banks, Ophelia had cleared out and residents were able to begin surveying the damage.

At Salter Path on Bogue Banks, Ophelia had ripped off the back of Vernon Guthrie's Crab Shack restaurant and chairs and tables were floating in water, according to Garner, Guthrie's girlfriend. It was the sixth time in 30 years a storm has taken off that side of the restaurant, which looks out on Bogue Sound, Guthrie said.

"Yeah, we're going to rebuild. One more time ain't going to hurt," he said.

Ophelia is the 15th named storm and seventh named hurricane of this year's busy Atlantic season, which ends Nov. 30.

Gay rights advocates accuse Blue Cross of discrimination

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HELENA (AP) – Montana gay rights advocates are urging businesses to cancel their health coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, accusing the insurance company of discrimination.

But the company said its decision to halt coverage on some policies for a person's unmarried domestic partner was based on a recent Montana Supreme Court decision and the state law that defines dependents.

"It is not a moral decision," said Tanya Ask, vice president of government affairs for Blue Cross. "It's a very clear legal decision."

The insurer recently decided to drop coverage in its "small group" plans for the insured person's unmarried domestic partner, regardless of whether the partner is a common-law spouse or a same-sex partner.

The decision affects only its small-group coverage, which covers 10,000 to 20,000 people, Ask said. Small-group policies cover

groups of two to 50 employees. Larger groups have more flexibility to choose their range of benefits and can define who's covered, including domestic partners of employees, she said.

Blue Cross insures about 230,000 people in Montana, and is by far the state's largest health insurer. During a news conference Wednesday at the insurer's Helena office, gay rights advocates said the decision amounted to "blatant discrimination."

"Tell them to stop discriminating against lesbian and gay families and common-law partnerships," said state Rep. Christine Kaufmann, D-Helena. "Tell them to expand society's circle of compassion, when so many are wondering how they can afford quality health care."

The dispute stems from a Dec. 30 decision by the Montana Supreme Court concerning a lawsuit brought by gay and lesbian employees of the university system. The court ruled that the state cannot discriminate between

same-sex couples and heterosexual, unmarried couples when it comes to health insurance benefits.

In June, Blue Cross sent a letter to companies in small groups whose policies covered common-law spouses. It said because of the court ruling, it would no longer extend coverage to any unmarried domestic partner of a covered employee.

Ask said Wednesday the change is needed to keep all policies uniform and in agreement with state law, which does not define a same-sex partner as a "dependent." If the law changes, the policies would change, she said.

Kaufmann and Karl Olson, director of the gay advocacy group PRIDE, said other insurers have not taken the same action.

New West Health Services, a Helena-based company that insures 35,000 people, still offers coverage to domestic partners of people covered by their policies, they said.

Jim Senterfitt, interim chief executive officer for New West, said it's up to the company buying the insurance to decide which dependents it wants the policy to cover.

"We don't discriminate as to who is a domestic partner and who isn't," he said.



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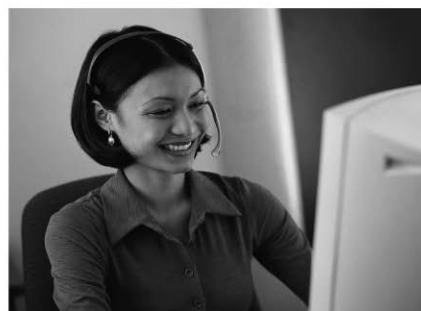
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Nuclear talks stall as North Korea demands reactor

US tries to save negotiations; China urged to convince ally to drop weapons program

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BEIJING (AP) — The United States tried Friday to salvage stalled talks over North Korea's nuclear ambitions, urging China to persuade its communist ally to give up its weapons program without receiving a reactor for generating power.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said the six-nation talks were in a "stalemate," with North Korea demanding a light-water reactor before dismantling its nuclear weapons program.

The North has been offered eco-

from Washington and free electricity from South Korea in exchange for bowing to demands that it give up the weapons program.

"I hope China will feel a certain responsibility to convince (North Korea) to take that deal," Hill said Friday morning before heading to a meeting with the Chinese side. Japan, Russia and South Korea are also participating in the talks.

Hill said he thought the Chinese had a responsibility to exercise their influence over North Korea, noting that the two sides had a "very long history."

China is the North's last major

ally and its leading supplier of food and energy aid. Beijing has earlier called for the sides to seek compromise.

Hill said he also would meet with the South Korean and Japanese delegations, but had no scheduled meetings with the North Korean delegation.

No progress was made during meetings Thursday, participants in the talks said.

The head of Japan's delegation, Kenichiro Sasae, called the situation "extremely difficult" and said the negotiations were at a "deadlock."

Chinese officials would not immediately comment on a report

by Japan's Kyodo News agency that Beijing was drafting a new proposal for the talks.

Citing unidentified sources, Kyodo also reported that North Korea told other nations at the negotiations that it would boost its production of nuclear material if its demand for such a reactor is not met.

"The basic stumbling block has to do with the issue of providing a light-water reactor," North Korean spokesman Hyun Hak Bong said Thursday in the first comment from the delegation since the talks resumed.

Still, Hill and other delegates said the talks would continue, with no end date set.

"I hope China will feel a certain responsibility to convince (North Korea) to take that deal."

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Pledge of Allegiance goes before Court once again

California judge rules ‘under God’ unconstitutional;
Attorney General fights for ‘nation’s religious heritage’

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Thursday that the Justice Department will fight to overturn a federal court ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance can’t be recited in public schools because it contains a reference to God. Gonzales said the pledge is one of several expressions of national identity and patriotism that mention God but don’t violate the Constitution’s ban on state-sponsored religion. The high court “has affirmed

time and again that such official acknowledgments of our nation’s religious heritage, foundation and character are constitutional,” Gonzales said in a statement a day after the ruling by U.S. District Judge Lawrence Karlton in San Francisco. Karlton’s decision could put the issue on track for another round of Supreme Court arguments. The court sidestepped the issue last year, ruling atheist Michael Newdow had no standing to bring the case on behalf of his daughter because he did not have custody of her. The Bush administration had opposed Newdow on the same basis that Gonzales set forth

Thursday. Newdow also is involved in the latest case, acting as attorney for three parents challenging the pledge because it includes the words “under God.” Gonzales is widely viewed as a leading contender for retiring Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s seat on the Supreme Court because he is close to President Bush. Gonzales’ statement of support to keep “under God” in the pledge could appeal to religious conservatives, who have expressed concerns about him as a potential justice because he has not stated opposition to the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion. The Becket Fund, a religious rights group that is a party to the pledge case, said it would appeal to the San Francisco-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which held the ‘under God’ provision of the pledge unconstitutional in 2002. The decisions by Karlton and the appeals court conflict with an August opinion by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va. That court upheld a Virginia law requiring

public schools lead daily Pledge of Allegiance recitation, similar to the requirement in California. Meanwhile, the Senate voted late Thursday to condemn the district judge’s ruling. The nonbinding resolution, approved by unanimous consent, states that the phrase “one nation under God” in the pledge reflects the religious faith central to the founding of the nation and that its recitation is “a fully constitutional expression of patriotism.” The House and Senate approved similar resolutions in 2002 in response to the 9th Circuit decision. “It’s unfortunate that the Senate is once again compelled to defend the Pledge of Allegiance because of the actions of a federal court,” said Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo., who introduced the resolution.

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Terrorism, nuclear talks spotlight of UN summit

Russia's Putin, China's Jintao ask UN to coordinate larger global security effort

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia and China called Thursday for the United Nations to take the lead in the global fight against terrorism, speaking on the second day of a U.N. summit where a new Arab-Israeli meeting and European nuclear talks with Iran took the spotlight.

The demands for a bigger U.N. role underlined how central terrorism has become around the world since the Sept. 11 attacks. They also highlighted that, while Washington and others want serious reform before the United Nations tackles new challenges, some nations want to give it more responsibility now.

"There is a need to adjust this organization to the new historical reality," Russian President

Vladimir Putin said. "Who else will take the role of coordinating and organizing this work but the United Nations?"

He was echoed by Chinese President Hu Jintao, who called for a new global security concept that puts the United Nations at "the core" of efforts to fight terrorism and settle disputes and conflicts.

While those views may help determine the future of the United Nations, events on the summit's sidelines and fiery bombast from some of the world's most colorful and controversial leaders pulled attention away from the meeting's central concerns.

Among the biggest headlines, Iran's president said his country was willing to provide nuclear technology to other Muslim states.

The foreign ministers of Israel and Qatar met, in a sign that

Israel's relations with the Arab world may be improving since its withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Also, a U.N. treaty to fight global corruption got its 30th ratification, triggering its entry into force in 90 days. The convention empowers countries to prosecute officials accused of stealing public funds.

"This dream has become a reality," said Antonio Maria Costa, executive director of the U.N. Office of Drugs and Crime.

Between news conferences by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and various nongovernmental organizations, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez scolded evangelist Pat Robertson for calling for his assassination and also criticized the U.S. government.

He suggested the United

Nations headquarters be moved to Jerusalem.

"The proposal has the merit of providing a response to the conflict experienced by Palestine, but it may be difficult to bring about," Chavez said in a speech that earned him the heartiest applause of the 55 leaders to speak so far.

This summit was called for two main reasons — to review progress toward achieving eight goals meant to improve the plight of the world's poor and to consider a raft of proposals to overhaul the United Nations itself.

Most of the speeches focused on those efforts.

Leaders generally expressed their support for the draft document that was expected to be adopted on the summit's last day Friday, though they said they were disappointed some elements were left out, including Security Council reform and nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation.

A near constant refrain was that the United Nations should play a larger role in world affairs.

The president of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, went further than most when she suggested the United Nations take the lead in easing the effects of high oil prices. She said it should study oil rationing and conservation, as well as consider initiatives to fuel engines with coconut oil and convert cane sugar to ethanol.

While several leaders made oblique references to the United States by saying no nation should act alone and outside the United Nations, nations spoke far more sympathetically than they had shortly after the Iraq war.

Chavez was one of few to criticize the United States directly. Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, accused of widespread human rights abuses in his country, also criticized the Americans for the war in Iraq.

"Saddam Hussein was abandoned to the winners' mercy, like in barbarian times," Lukashenko said. "There is nobody to defend their rights except the U.N."

String Orchestra of the Rockies to feature oboe soloist

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Sometimes it's hard to come up with classy places to go on dates. This Sunday, all wannabe Casanovas can take the easy way out. Everyone who's anyone knows the place to go to make a good impression is the String Orchestra of the Rockies' season-opening concert.

The orchestra, featuring guest oboe soloist Gonzalo Ruiz, will be playing classical pieces as well as premiering "Point Counterpoint," a contemporary piece by Montana

composer Chad Langford.

"We're really excited about the world premiere of Point Counterpoint," SOR coordinator Valerie Young said. "It's not often that we get to play local composers' music. This is a great opportunity for [Langford] as well as the orchestra."

Ruiz, the principal oboe player for the Portland Baroque Orchestra, will be performing as a guest soloist. Ruiz has been called "one of a small handful of truly superb baroque oboists in the world" and "one of America's most acclaimed historical soloists" in reviews from around

the world.

He's known for his ability to mimic early baroque style and for playing period instruments, built during the 17th century. According to Ed Milburn, an associate board member for the orchestra, Ruiz won't be playing a period oboe because the orchestra isn't purely a baroque orchestra.

"This is the first oboe soloist the SOR has had since 1986," Young said. "It's really exciting to play with a solo oboist again, especially one with the kind of critical acclaim and reputation that [Ruiz] has."

The Sunday evening show will

be the first of four for the SOR. This year will be their 21st season. According to Young, all of last year's shows were sold out.

"We hope to sell out all of our shows this year, too," she said. "It's really exciting when the orchestra plays to a full audience. This Christmas we'll be doing a collaborative concert with the Hellgate High School choir. Our Christmas concerts are always very popular; this one should be one of our best. Then in February we'll be celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birthday. This season is going to be a really good one."

The performance will be this Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Music Recital Hall on the University campus. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Fact and Fiction Bookstore, Rockin' Rudy's, Morgenroth Music Center and at the door. Single ticket prices are \$15 for regular admission and \$12 for students. Season tickets cost \$50 for regular admission, \$40 for students and seniors, and \$25 for local young music students.

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Delta, Northwest begin climb back from bankruptcy

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(AP) — Their bankruptcy filings behind them, Delta and Northwest began a lengthy and costly road to recovery on Thursday that will likely include cutting employee rolls, pensions and routes. In the end, if they survive, the nation's third- and fourth-largest airlines will be smaller and may look more like the discount rivals that helped send them into bankruptcy.

That perspective by analysts, bankruptcy experts and academics was underscored Thursday as Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. and Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. sought to reject certain aircraft leases. In Delta's case, it also asked a New York bankruptcy judge to allow it to abandon some properties and prevent utilities from turning off its power.

"What are they going to look like? They are going to look like Southwest or JetBlue," said Manchester, N.H., bankruptcy and restructuring expert Dan Sklar, referring to the low-cost carriers.

David LeMay, an attorney who worked on Continental's bankruptcy in the early 1990s, said that airline raised cash in bankruptcy by selling a valuable trans-Pacific route and a terminal it was building at LaGuardia airport in New York.

"I'm sure that both Delta and Northwest will be looking very, very hard at what is absolutely essential to keep and what can be sold," he said.

While bankruptcy gives the airlines more leverage, it doesn't address one of the companies' fundamental problems — not enough revenue.

"There's no motion you can make in bankruptcy court that says, 'Please put \$20 million in the checking account this week,'" LeMay said. "People have this impression that in bankruptcy you can do whatever you please, but that's really not true at all."

In Northwest's case, the airline will likely press its pilots to change rules that limit its regional passenger service, said airline analyst Ray Neidl at Calyon Securities in New York. Regional flying is important to both carriers. But Northwest, with its large Midwest presence, already does more flights at small airports than any other carrier. Shifting more of those flights to its regional partners will help Northwest get profitable again, Neidl said.

On Thursday, the Air Line Pilots Association said Northwest was reducing flying levels, which would result in 400 pilot furloughs over the next eight months. That's in addition to around 500 Northwest pilots already on furlough, the union said in a statement. A Northwest spokesman confirmed the furloughs, but had no comment on them.

Neidl predicted Delta will change its system even more than Northwest. "They might try to become more international-oriented. Domestically, I'm thinking they will shrink," he said.

Delta also will likely look for savings at its in-house discount carrier, Song. Neidl said Delta has claimed that Song is already cheap to operate, but others haven't been so sure.

"If it's not cheap now, I believe Delta will make it cheap," he said.

To do that, job, pay and benefit cuts are almost a certainty. The chiefs of both companies said after their filings Wednesday that more job cuts are expected. Employee pensions also are in danger.

Delta said it does not plan to make the next scheduled contribution to its pension fund. Northwest had a \$65 million pension payment due Thursday, but said in a regulatory filing Tuesday that a claim against its assets for non-payment could be avoided if it filed for bankruptcy first. Some analysts expect both airlines to terminate their pensions and dump the responsibility on the federal government like UAL Corp.'s United Airlines has done in its bankruptcy case. Northwest Chief Executive Doug Steenland has said he wants to avoid that.

Delta and Northwest have been seeking pension-law changes that would let them spread out payments to their pensions, but the relief they may ultimately get may not be enough to save the plans. The head of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. said Thursday that Delta and Northwest have a responsibility to meet their pension funding requirements. The federal agency said that Delta's pension is underfunded by \$10.6 billion and Northwest's by \$5.7 billion.

At a bankruptcy court hearing Thursday, Northwest asked for

permission to pay \$55 million to vendors for services during its mechanics strike. It was the first acknowledgment of the costs of the strike, which began Aug. 20. At a separate hearing on Delta's bankruptcy, the airline revealed that Cincinnati-based Fifth Third Bank had earlier in the day frozen Delta accounts containing \$35 million. Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly said the carrier believes the bank action was inappropriate, but added that Delta was able to work out an agreement with the bank to unfreeze the accounts. A bank spokeswoman did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Northwest says in a bankruptcy court filing that it wants to return 13 aircraft immediately, and it has designated 102 more for potential removal. Northwest said it flies 433 aircraft.

The planes Northwest wants to abandon immediately are already parked — some with the aircraft in one city and its engines in another. One Boeing 757 is parked in Indianapolis with one of its engines in Hanover, Germany, according to the filing.

Twenty-eight Boeing 757-200s are either parked now or proposed for abandonment to the leaseholders, according to the filing.

Those planes seat 180 people and Northwest uses them mostly on flights between Northwest

A LITTLE LATE NIGHT FOLFING



Scott Poniewaz/Montana Kaimin

Matt "Mattinee" Stevens, a senior in creative writing, dodges the sprinklers in a midnight round of disc golf around the University of Montana campus Thursday. Stevens was joined by Levi Buckingham, a junior, who created the course as a freshman. "We don't just do it for the folfing, we also do it for meeting the night folk," Buckingham said.

hubs and other large cities, said John Weber of BACK Aviation Solutions, an aviation data and consulting firm.

It's not clear how helpful the federal government and the airlines' respective state governments can be during Delta's and Northwest's bankruptcy, though some lawmakers have said they will try.

When asked Thursday if his state intends to put together another Northwest bailout package, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty said, "Given how far they're in debt, it is really beyond the capacity of the government to save the day." Delta's debt stands at \$28.3 billion; Northwest's at \$17.92 billion. Some Georgia lawmakers plan to meet next week to discuss how the state can help Delta.

As for customers, some industry observers believe service will be improved at both airlines after the bankruptcy process concludes.

"Flying might not be as convenient, but overall I don't think customers are going to notice that much difference and two or three years from now they may find they have better service — service

with a smile," said William Rochelle, a bankruptcy lawyer in New York.

Michael Lapr, an assistant professor of management at Vanderbilt University who has done airlines research, said quality will remain very important for Delta and Northwest as the carriers seek to restructure their debts.

"Either they get their act together or there will be some sort of a shake-up," he said.

In the end, there even could be some mergers involving the big legacy carriers, though some believe regulatory approval could make that proposition difficult. But with persistently high fuel costs, some believe consolidation is inevitable.

"We just have one catastrophe after another in the industry," Rochelle said. "I'm not sure any of them have the capacity to respond on their own."

Shares of Delta rose 4 cents, or 5.6 percent, to close at 75 cents Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, while Northwest shares fell 99 cents, or 53 percent, to close at 88 cents on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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Visiting professor to play music composed from familiar, everyday sounds at festival



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Elainie Lillios, a professor of music composition at Bowling Green State University, lectures students about her methods of creating electroacoustic computer music on Thursday afternoon. Electroacoustic music is a loosely defined term that encompasses many types of academic electronic-based music. Lillios, along with a member of the UM faculty and several students, are performing their electroacoustic pieces Friday night at the second annual Mountain Computer Music Festival.

Ira Sather-Olson

Montana Kaimin

Sounds of crunching pop cans, water swishing around in water bottles and people breathing are some of the many sounds that can be used in creative ways to make music, a visiting music composition professor said on Thursday afternoon.

Elainie Lillios, an assistant professor of composition at Bowling Green State University gave a lecture on composing electroacoustic computer music to a group of students in the music building on Thursday.

"It helps broaden our concept of musical sound, and I also think it provides the ability for people who are not classically trained musicians to (be) musically creative," she said.

Electroacoustic music is a loosely defined term describing academically composed music that utilizes some or all elements of electronic processing with computers.

Lillios, along with a UM faculty

member and several current UM students are performing pieces of computer music for the second annual Mountain Computer Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 16.

UM graduate David Parfit and Keith Kothman, director of the Music Technology program at Ball State University, will also have pieces featured at the festival.

Lillios said she started playing the organ when she was nine and thereafter started taking organ lessons. When she was 11 she started composing her own music, she said.

In college, she learned electroacoustic music composition techniques such as tape manipulation, analogue synthesis and digital synthesis using music programming languages.

As she started her work toward a doctorate degree at North Texas University, a visiting professor, Stephen Montague, gave a lecture on electroacoustic music and got Lillios interested in using everyday sounds as compositional elements.

She realized that she liked using these types of sounds in her compositions, rather than programming synthesized sounds on a computer, she said.

"My composing is about what the sounds want; it's not necessarily what I want," she said.

Charles Nichols, an assistant professor in composition and music technology in the music department, created the Mountain Computer Music Festival last fall.

"I think you'll find that the students' work holds up in comparison to the world-class computer music showcased in the festival," he said. "The level of quality of student work is very high."

Nichols wanted to have the festival fulfill three things, he said: to bring world-class concert computer music to Missoula; to showcase the work of students composing computer music at UM; and to generate excitement with students and within the community for this art form.

Nichols also credited the creation of the festival to Chris Henry, co-owner of Ear Candy Music. He said that Henry has brought many high-quality, dance-oriented, experimental electronic artists to perform in Missoula.

Nichols wanted to create an

extension of this by bringing in high-quality composers, but within the realm of academic electronic music, he said.

Lillios will be playing two pieces for the concert, titled "Dreams in the Desert" and "Earth Ascending."

"Earth Ascending" will feature Lillios' recorded music, accompanied by a woman reading works from three poets, as well as video projection.

According to the program for the festival, the poetry in the piece "presents a unique journey or experience, yet their combination creates a structure unified by interwoven themes and images."

Lillios' other work, "Dreams in the Desert" is another recorded piece that was made at her home studio and in the studios at Bowling Green State University.

It's described in the festival program as a piece that "calls to mind reveries of a person on a desert caravan. Scenes play through the dreamer's mind; perhaps they are memories past or maybe longings for another time and place."

Nichols will also be performing two pieces for the festival.

One piece, titled "The Air Inside Our Heads," was originally performed last spring for a multimedia

collaboration of six universities. It's a work in which he processes live input from his MIDI violin with an interactive music program called MaxMSP.

Another piece, titled "The Blue Box," was also used in the multimedia collaboration. For this piece, he takes recorded vocal samples and controls the playback of the sounds using two joysticks.

Elisha Williams, a junior studying composition and music technology, will be performing her piece "Silver Morning" at the festival.

She didn't use any acoustic instruments to create the piece and said she used a random selection of synthesized sounds. She said it's a calming, semi-peaceful piece of music.

"It's more atmospheric," she said.

She had to create the piece in four days. This was a challenge because she had to learn the music programs that she was using to make the piece in that same time frame, she said.

"I was constantly staring at the computer," Williams said.

She plans on pursuing more studies in computer music in the future and is very interested in the use of computers as a compositional tool.

"You can structure it to create your own world," she said.

Jason Varnado, a senior in philosophy, is also playing a piece at the festival, titled "Epitaph."

"Basically the piece starts out with these pseudo-organic sounds which are overpowered from time to time by a more electronic-sounding layer," he said.

He also thinks music made with computers is an important art form.

"Computer music is an expansion of traditional techniques for music creation. We haven't exhausted what we can do with acoustic instruments, so using a computer is not like evolution, but I think it's limiting creativity to not explore the possibilities associated with electronic music," he said.

In a genre of music that's traditionally been dominated by white American and European males, more and more women are starting to enter the field of electroacoustic composition, Lillios said.

Yet, people of other cultures and ethnicities are still underrepresented in the field of academic computer music, she said.

Lillios thinks the technology to make this type of music should be available to everyone, no matter what gender, ethnicity or economic class.

"The field has been dictated in the past by access to technology," she said. "We need to try to provide people with the technology to do the exploration."

Electroacoustic music intrigues Lillios because she can make music out of any sound she records, and she can then take that sound and put it in any spatial location for the listener, she said.

Discovering new sounds is also what keeps her interested in composing this type of music.

"Where is the next new great sound?" she said. "It could be anywhere ... that means you have to listen for it."

The second annual Mountain Computer Music Festival is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Phyllis Washington Park Amphitheater, located next to the hiking trail at the bottom of Mount Sentinel.

In case of rain, the festival will be held in the Music Recital Hall on the first floor of the music building.

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Former Missoulians to visit, play rock show with two other touring bands

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Adrenaline coursed through Brad Lockhart’s veins on Halloween night of 2002. The moderately sized Bellingham, Wash., audience looked on in amazement. As Lockhart’s band Black Eyes and Neckties reached the emotional height of its very first show, the singer hurled a knife across the room, sticking it solidly in an old piano.

“Yeah, it’s a true story,” said Josh Holland, one of the punk rock group’s guitarists. “That pretty much sets the tone for what we try to do on stage.”

What Holland, aka Josh Homicide, is referring to is the energy and passion that the group brings to every show they play.

“We’ve always been about putting on a loud show,” Holland said. “Recently we’ve been concentrating on becoming a tighter group on stage.”

Black Eyes and Neckties entered the West Coast’s music limelight back in 2004 when they headlined the Rockfest concert in their native Bellingham.

“That’s when we really broke out as a band,” Holland said. “It opened a lot of doors for us. The guy who signed us to a label was there. The people that owned the bar we play at regularly were there.”

The punk rock sextet, which Holland has been a part of since the first guitar player quit nearly a

year ago, will rock and scare the Missoula music scene this Friday night at Higgins Alley. Also headlining the show will be the Portland-based band Book of Maps.

“The one thing that I love about our band is that we all have really varied tastes in music,” said bassist and vocalist Christopher Baumann. “I think that’s what makes our band good. It’s a melting pot of influences.”

Both Baumann and the group’s guitar player, Chris Pickolick, grew up in Missoula. The two have played in bands together for several years. Before moving to Portland, they played in the band One Point Plan.

“We definitely had some song-writing chemistry,” Baumann said. “We both needed something bigger [than Missoula]. So when we got to Portland, we found a drummer and started.”

Book of Maps, which has been around for roughly a year and a half, falls into the genre of “math rock.” This term is often used to describe bands that use unexpected and experimental rhythms and time changes in their music, but at the same time hold true to their hard rock roots.

“We definitely don’t stand still,” Baumann said. “It’s definitely energetic.”

Although Book of Maps has toured around much of the West Coast and the southwest, playing shows at venues from California to Missouri, the band still enjoys

visiting Missoula.

“Missoula loves rock music,” Baumann said.

In addition, both Baumann and Pickolick have friends and family here in their hometown.

“It’s nice to visit,” Baumann said.

A third touring band, Belt of Vapor, joins the edgy rock show on Friday with a touch of progressive rock. The Spokane trio has made quite a name for itself since winning a Battle of the Bands competition at the B-Side, a Spokane music venue.

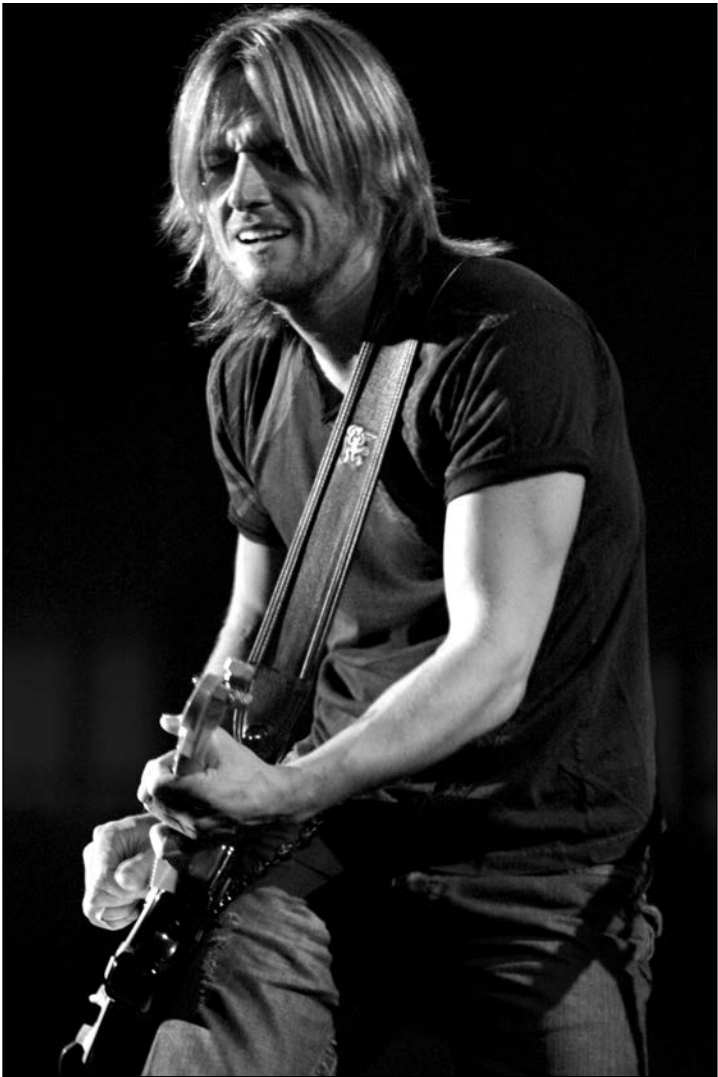
“I’m friends with Book of Maps, and they’ve played here before,” said Anna Stout, a University of Montana student and the promoter/booking agent for Friday’s show. Stout received a call from the band, asking her to put a show together.

“Black Eyes and Neckties called looking for a show that same night,” Stout said. “The whole show came together quite quickly. There’s also going to be someone who jumped on the show last minute called The Body. They’re a two-piece, heavy, loud rock group.”

With an amalgamation of different rock genres represented by bands from all over the West Coast, Friday’s show promises musical diversity. Catch all four bands at Higgins Alley tonight. The Body will open with a short set at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, and all ages are welcome.

Keith Urban brings country to the Big Sky

Kaimin Concert Review



Tim Kupsick/Montana Kaimin

Australian country idol Keith Urban performs in front of a packed crowd of screaming fans at the Adams Center Wednesday night.

Kayla Stewart
Montana Kaimin

It was a long shot.

Seated to the far right of the stage, high enough that he had to squint to read her colorful sign, a fan in the packed Adams Center asked country music star Keith Urban for her first kiss mid-concert Wednesday night.

He obliged, invited her up on stage and to the surprise of the packed stadium, planted a big kiss on her lips. The crowd screamed their approval, and she staggered off the stage with a frozen smile as Urban began to strum chords for the next song. And so the evening began.

Headlining with “Alive in ‘05” for his third solo album “Be Here,” Urban performed before a packed crowd at the University of Montana following opening act Miranda Lambert. Taking to the stage with “Days Go By,” the album’s first single, Urban kicked off the concert playing a piercing acoustic guitar while four band members kept a pulse on drums, guitar, keyboard and backup vocals.

Performing on a stage set of badland-looking cliffs and rocks, Urban continued the concert with picks from his 2002 Golden Road album including “Somebody Like You,” “Who Wouldn’t Wanna be Me,” “Raining on Sunday” and “You’ll Think of Me.”

During the show, two screens behind the stage showed clips of music videos, a biographical sequence of home pictures of the singer, scenery and, during one song, images of New York’s Twin Towers pre-Sept. 11.

The singer kept a guitar strapped to his chest for most of

the evening, only taking it off to trade with one of the many others kept beside the stage. But half way through the set, he slipped offstage, only to slide into the drummer’s seat for a song.

During the two-hour performance, it didn’t take long for Urban to invite another fan onstage, this time a female University of Montana student from the front row whose outfit matched a small group of girls all clad in red T-shirts, jeans and cowboy hats. Urban played his guitar and sang “You Look Good in My Shirt” from the floor of the stage while the fan held to his lips a suspended microphone dangling from the ceiling. He spent the number cozing up to the girl before asking her to finish out the song with him.

Urban, who spent the evening inserting Big Sky references into his songs and laughing when the deafening shouting seemed to overwhelm the center, opted to return for his encore performance seated behind a piano, lights out. It was an opportunity he took to quiet the crowd while he sang “Tonight I Want to Cry.”

But it was short-lived. Urban followed with more foot-stomping favorites, holding the mic into the audience while the Adams Center echoed “Somebody Like You,” a song that the crowd — a speckled sea of waving hands and cowboy hats — sang with confidence.

Urban closed the evening with “Better Life,” but paused before exiting the stage to tell the crowd in an Australian drawl to “Be good to yourself, be true to yourself.”

They screamed long after he left the stage.

Local instrumental rock band to deliver new album and play a release party

Ian Graham
Montana Kaimin

You get out of something what you put into it. The more time and care put into a project, the higher quality the final product will be. Local instrumental band This is the Process of a Still Life found that out after recording their newest album.

This Saturday, the “post-rock” instrumentalists are hosting a release party and show to promote their new album. “Light” is the band’s second release, following their self-titled debut, which was released in the spring of 2003. The official release date for “Light” is Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The album is a testament to the band’s growth, guitarist Burke Jam said. He says it reflects an evolution within the group while not altering the band’s core sound.

“It won’t alienate anyone who’s already familiar with us,” Jam said. “But it definitely has a few differences. I feel like we’ve really gelled as a band. There’s a more direct reflection in the album of everyone’s individual input. It just shows how we’ve grown together and found our voice as a group.”

Jam attributes the newer sound of the band to a better environ-

ment. He said the process involved in making this album allowed for a better final product.

“We were really in our comfort zone recording this time,” he said. “We did all of our recording here in Missoula, with Dave Van. He’s a good friend of the band’s; we’re really lucky and thankful to have him help us out. He probably put in twice as much time as we did in the studio, just tweaking things. Rather than the band having to focus on booking a studio, racing out of state to put in 10 straight hours of recording and running back home, we were able to focus on writing and perfecting the music.”

Nathan Carter, sole member of local band Purrbot, which is opening for This is the Process of a Still Life on Saturday, said he thinks “Light” is really original within the genre of instrumental music. He described the album as a more creative venture than their first, calling it a “more dynamic” record.

“It’s not like a lot of instrumental bands, which have a tendency to fall into a cliché by doing really epic stuff, like Godspeed You! Black Emperor ... not that they’re cliché, but This is a Process of a Still Life is doing something very different,” Carter said.

He said that the way they wrote

each song makes the new album stand apart from their self-titled first release.

“They’re being a lot more conscious of the story side of instrumental music,” he said. “Each song has kind of a narrative feel, and each song is a different story with different parts. They’re extending themselves more. In instrumental music, you have to really try to engage the audience, and I think they’re doing that now more than they have before.”

Although the rest of the band is on tour and unavailable for comment, Jam said that they all feel similarly about their new album. He said that after three years together, the band finally feels like they’ve accomplished something to be proud of.

“There’s a lot of hope in this record,” Jam said. “Everyone in the band feels really blessed, because we’ve been able to accomplish so much with This is the Process of a Still Life; the album reflects that.”

The CD release party is this Saturday night, Sept. 17, at the Crystal Theater on Higgins Avenue, behind The Bridge restaurant. The doors will open at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$5 at the door. The album will be officially released on Sept. 20.

Griz to face evenly matched Jackrabbits team

TIM DAILEY

KAIMIN SPORTS

Despite sharing a border, the Montana Grizzlies and the South Dakota State Jackrabbits are practically strangers on the gridiron.

The reasons: more than 1,100 miles between the schools, no team has a player from the other's state and they've only played four times, with the last meeting in 1993.

"Last time they were here took the biggest comeback in I-AA history for us to get a win," Montana head coach Bobby Hauck said.

That year, the Grizzlies were unsure who their starting quarterback would be early in the season. It was the local hero Dave Dickenson who came off the bench to rally Montana for the comeback, 52-48. South Dakota State's head coach, John Stiegelmeier, was the Jackrabbits' defensive coordinator that year.

"It was a great game," Stiegelmeier said. "We were in control until someone lit a fire in the Grizzlies. Every time they touched the ball they scored."

Back then the Jackrabbits were a Division II team. Now they are in their second season in Division I-AA as a member of the Great West Football conference.

"They've certainly got our attention," Hauck said. "They've put an unbelievable number of yards and points on the board and given up nothing."

South Dakota State, 2-0, has outscored its opponents 111-19 and gained over 500 yards of offense in each game.

The Jackrabbits' offense is led by junior running back Anthony Watson, who has racked up almost 300 yards and five touchdowns in just 23 attempts (12.9 yards per carry).

"He's unique," Stiegelmeier said. "His forte is his ability to somehow get yards after contact. He'll spin or slip out of a tackle. He's not going to outrun the defense, but he can turn a seven-yard gain into nine yards."

Hauck thinks that Watson is surrounded by a talented group of receivers, an athletic quarterback who is mobile and fast and an offensive line with attitude.

Stiegelmeier is not sure all of his offensive talent will be enough, however.

"I think the [Montana] defense

is phenomenal, maybe the best I've seen on this level," Stiegelmeier said. "That was solidified after watching the Oregon game."

The Montana defense is holding opponents to under two yards per carry, but gave up 339 yards and three scores in the air last week.

"They'll take what the defense gives them," Montana cornerback Kevin Edwards said. "They'll probably try to dink and dunk it after watching last week's game."

Like all coaches, Stiegelmeier hopes for balance between running and passing, but he is aware of the Grizzlies' stinginess on the defensive front.

"My gut would say we're gonna have to throw more," Stiegelmeier said.

The Montana defense has been the steady performer of the team. The offense remains a mystery, showing up in the first week against Fort Lewis and then disappearing the next at Oregon.

"That might put them in a bit of a quandary," Hauck said. "I wonder which game South Dakota State is going to put the most emphasis on when they study us."

The answer: Oregon. Montana went to Oregon with a "hide - nothing" approach. South Dakota State will come into Washington-Grizzly Stadium with the same attitude, Stiegelmeier said. After studying the Griz offense, he said his top concern is stopping the running game, especially the option.

The Grizzlies were unable to have any success pitching the ball around against the superior Oregon defense.

"I think when our guys up front see South Dakota's line compared to last week, it will be night and day," quarterback Jason Washington said. "Not taking anything away from them, but I can't imagine they'll be half as fast or strong or big."

Despite holding opponents to low scores, the Jackrabbits have been prone to giving up yards, especially in the air.

Running back Lex Hilliard will look to get back on the Walter Payton-candidate pace after netting just 15 yards last week. He may have to increase his workload, as fellow running back J.R. Waller is doubtful for this week's game.

Hauck said both quarterbacks would continue to see action. Second year quarterback Cole Bergquist has seen most of his action in the fourth quarter in one-sided games.



Tim Kupsick/Montana Kaimin

Griz junior safety Van Cooper Jr. (left) and fellow defender take down freshman Oregon running back Terrell Jackson in the fourth quarter of the Montana-Oregon game last week. This week the Griz face the South Dakota State Jackrabbits at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Kickoff is 1:05 p.m.

"Maybe I'll get a series a little earlier," Bergquist said. "I guess it all depends on how the game goes."

Last week Bergquist came off the bench and led his offense down the field for the final touchdown of the game.

"When I got my chance, it was fun," he said. "I got my first chance to throw downfield and actually take the offense on a drive."

Washington, the starting quarterback, is excited about returning to friendly confines.

"It's always good to be at home," Washington said. "Being here, knowing our fans have our back and they're the ones having

to try to make checks in all that noise."

Stiegelmeier told his players it will be loud and the fans will be on top of them. It's a National Championship environment, he said.

The Jackrabbits will arrive this afternoon by plane, but both teams have taken different routes to get to week three. South Dakota State has blown out lesser opponents and been able to protect key players and rest them.

"We're in pretty good shape," Stiegelmeier said. "We get one offensive lineman back this week and were down a defensive end."

Montana's training room has been busy after the Oregon game.

Hauck reported his team's injury status earlier this week.

Cornerback Tuff Harris, cornerback Quinton Jackson, defensive end Mike Murphy, defensive tackle Alan Saenz and receiver Jon Talmage are all probable.

Safety Colt Anderson, defensive tackle Jesse Carlson and offensive lineman Jason Frink remain at questionable status, while Waller and returner Chris Clark are doubtful.

Linebacker Loren Utterback and defensive back Jake McCarthy will not play Saturday.

"It was a physical game," Hauck said about the Oregon matchup. "Both teams were pretty banged up at the end of the game."

However, the show must go on and for Montana the curtain opens at 1:05 p.m. at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

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AP SPORTS WRITER

CHICAGO – The St. Louis Cardinals’ NL Central-clinching game was called after a 58-minute rain delay in the ninth inning. That washed away any chance for players to romp across Wrigley Field in celebration.

But the Cardinals had no plans for such antics, anyway.

No dog piles and no congregating, hugging or slapping high-fives around the pitcher’s mound and no raucous, euphoric scenes in the clubhouse even though they wrapped up their fourth division championship in six years by beating the Cubs 6-1 on Thursday night.

Manager Tony La Russa wasn’t budging, even though St. Louis has already earned the title by virtue of a tiebreaker over second-place Houston.

La Russa wants one more win than the Astros can possibly muster before he or any of his players pop champagne corks. He took a similar stance a year ago after they clinched despite a loss, insisting that they win it on the field.

“We understand we’re officially in October baseball,” La Russa said. “It happened last year and again this year. It just doesn’t

seem right to celebrate when your magic number is one,” he said.

The Cardinals are the first team to win a division and clinch a playoff berth this season. Now they hope to find their way back to the World Series, where they were swept last year by the Boston Red Sox.

“You don’t play to win the division, you play to win championship rings,” first baseman Albert Pujols said. “How many division titles does this team have? ... We don’t care about that. It doesn’t matter what record we have. Last year, we had the best record in the majors and we lost in the World Series.”

Jeff Suppan allowed six hits over eight-plus innings and the Cardinals won in a game called with two outs in the bottom of the ninth with the bases loaded.

“I believe this is what we decided,” Suppan said of the team’s choice to not celebrate. “I didn’t make the decision so I wasn’t really in the process. What matters is going out there and winning tomorrow. That’s what our philosophy has been all year.”

Thursday’s victory over the Cubs, coupled with Atlanta’s 6-4 win over Philadelphia, gave St. Louis (94-54) the division title because the best Houston could do is match the Cardinals at 94 wins with both teams ensured of

playoff berths at that figure. St. Louis has the tiebreaker for the division because it clinched the season series against the Astros.

La Russa said the Cards are willing to wait until Saturday to celebrate if necessary. He wants No. 95.

“You’re watching the number and go ‘10-9-8’ and get to one and you’re going to celebrate? Zero is when you celebrate. That’s what we’re doing to do,” La Russa said.

“We talked about it as a team. We had a discussion yesterday at

home because of the possibility we could be in. It’s exactly what we talked about last year. That’s a consistent approach.”

Suppan (15-10) retired 13 straight after a third-inning single by Todd Walker before Neifi Perez singled in the eighth.

Derrek Lee’s 43rd homer leading off the bottom of the ninth ended Suppan’s night and ruined his shutout bid. As rain began to fall, the Cubs loaded the bases against Al Reyes. Catcher Yadier Molina missed Henry Blanco’s foul popup that would have ended

the game and then Blanco reached to load the bases when Eckstein slipped and fell fielding his grounder to short just before the game was stopped.

“When you saw that Eckstein went down, that’s when you know the field is too sloppy to play on,” Cubs manager Dusty Baker said.

The Cardinals scored three runs in the eighth as Larry Walker was walked by Todd Wellemeyer with the bases loaded, Rodriguez added a sacrifice fly and a third run scored on an error.

UM soccer faces Gonzaga on the road Saturday, Idaho Sunday

The University of Montana women’s soccer team has a busy weekend of traveling ahead of them.

The Lady Griz (1-4-1) are in Spokane, Wash., today to face the Gonzaga Bulldogs (2-2-1) at 4 p.m. The Griz then travel to Moscow, Idaho, where they will face the University of Idaho Vandals (2-3-0) at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

“We must continue to work on our passing,” head coach Neil Sedgwick said of his team’s preparation for the weekend games. “We’ll be working on giving some of our younger players the opportunity to play.”

Junior forward Lindsay Winans leads the team offensively with shots on goal, as well as two game goals. Winans helped the team gain their first victory last week-

end when she headed the ball into the goal after a lob pass from freshman Sara Campbell.

Both games will be broadcast over KECI 1290 AM.

Interested in how the Lady Griz play this weekend? Be sure to check out Tuesday’s edition of the Kaimin for a review of the games.

– Kaimin Sports Staff

Griz volleyball ends nonconference schedule in Denver this weekend

The University of Montana volleyball team will end its nonconference schedule this weekend with a three-match tournament in Denver.

Montana is off to its best start since 1999 when the Griz went into their conference schedule with a 9-1 mark. The Griz (8-3) are coming off a Tuesday night

sweep of Carroll College and will play Northern Illinois (7-4) on Friday, and both Denver (3-5) and Portland (2-7) on Saturday.

UM is led offensively by junior outside hitter Claudia Houle and senior setter Diana Thompson. Thompson leads the Big Sky Conference with 12.39 assists per game while Houle’s

team-high 4.80 kills per game places her second in the conference in that category. Montana’s balanced offensive attack boasts five other players that average at least two kills a game.

Game stats can be found this weekend at www.montanagrizzlies.com

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Armstrong retires potential comeback

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The nasty tug of war between the bosses of the international cycling union and the World Anti-Doping Agency over who leaked documents accusing Lance Armstrong of doping claimed its first casualty Thursday: any chance of a comeback by the seven-time Tour de France champion.

Armstrong, who said just days ago that this latest fight to clear his name had stoked his competitive desires, made clear Thursday he wasn’t interested in returning to the sport he dominated.

“Sitting here today, dealing with all this stuff again, knowing if I were to go back, there’s no way I could get a fair shake on the roadside, in doping control, or the labs,” Armstrong said on a late-afternoon conference call.

“I think it’s better that way,” he added a moment later. “I’m happy with the way my career went and ended and I’m not coming back.”

Armstrong and his handlers spent most of the remaining 45 minutes with reporters criticizing WADA chief Dick Pound.

It was Pound who set off another round of charges and counter-charges earlier Thursday by accusing cycling union boss Hein Verbruggen of supplying documents used by a French newspaper to charge that Armstrong used the blood-boosting drug EPO during his first tour win in 1999.

Armstrong said he was concerned Pound might be seeking revenge for an open letter he sent

to newspapers and the WADA chief several years ago, defending his sport against the widely held notion that cycling was rife with performance-enhancing drugs.

“I was not trying to say that Dick was bad guy or a crook,” Armstrong said of his letter, “but I might want to say that today. ... He’s trying to divert attention from the serious ethical issues involving WADA and himself.”

His agent and attorney went even further, accusing Pound of smearing Armstrong in public without conclusive proof or due process.

Calls seeking comment from Pound at both his WADA office and home in Montreal were not immediately returned Thursday.

Earlier Thursday, Pound said he received a letter from Verbruggen acknowledging the cycling union, known as UCI, had provided L’Equipe’s reporter with forms indicating Armstrong had doped during his first Tour victory.

“Mr. Verbruggen told us that he showed all the forms of Mr. Armstrong to L’Equipe and that he even gave the journalist a copy of one of the documents,” Pound said during a conference call from Montreal.

But Armstrong said that he himself had authorized releasing the forms to L’Equipe. He said the request from the newspaper was to check whether the UCI had granted him any medical exemptions during competition, not to find out if the numerical code used by race official to identify Armstrong matched the one attached to the urine samples.

Last night’s major league baseball scores

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Bush administration initiatives this week waiving wage protections, environmental safeguards and protections for veterans, minorities, women and the disabled.”

Bush described the hurricane’s aftermath as “days of sorrow and outrage,” and he said the nation had “witnessed the kind of desperation no citizen of this great and generous nation should ever have to know.” He deplored scenes of victims calling out for food and water, criminals who had no mercy, and bodies of the dead lying uncovered in the street.

He said the suffering of victims was tempered by acts of courage and kindness. To the hundreds of thousands of people forced from their homes, Bush said, “You need to know that our whole nation cares about you — and in the jour-

ney ahead you are not alone.”

Promising better days ahead, Bush said, “The streets of Biloxi and Gulfport will again be filled with lovely homes and the sound of children playing. The churches of Alabama will have their broken steeples mended and their congregations whole.

“And here in New Orleans, the street cars will once again rumble down St. Charles, and the passionate soul of a great city will return.”

Bush faced the nation at a vulnerable point in his presidency. Most Americans disapprove of his handling of Katrina, and his job-approval rating has been dragged down to the lowest point of his presidency also because of dissatisfaction with the Iraq war and rising gas prices. He has struggled to demonstrate the

same take-charge leadership he displayed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks four years ago.

Across five Gulf Coast states, the death toll from Katrina climbed Thursday to 794, led by 558 in Louisiana.

Faulting the government’s response, Bush said that Katrina “was not a normal hurricane — and the normal disaster relief system was not equal to it.” State officials have blamed the federal government for failing to respond more quickly, and federal officials have pointed fingers at state and local officials.

Responding to charges that help would have been sent more quickly if most victims had not been

poor and black, Bush noted that the persistent poverty, rooted deep in the Gulf region, was broadcast for all Americans to see.

“That poverty has roots in a history of racial discrimination, which cut off generations from the opportunity of America,” Bush said. “We have a duty to confront this poverty with bold action.”

Bush said the goal was to get evacuees out of shelters by mid-October and into apartments and other homes, with assistance from the government. He said he would work with Congress to ensure that states were reimbursed for the cost of caring for evacuees.

Bush called for new measures to protect New Orleans from flooding and said the Army Corps of Engineers would work with state and local officials. “Protecting a city that sits lower than the water around it is not easy, but it can and has been done,” the president said.

“The work that has begun in the

Gulf Coast region will be one of the largest reconstruction efforts the world has ever seen,” Bush said. He praised Americans for giving generously for disaster relief, saying the fund led by former Presidents Bush and Clinton had received pledges of more than \$100 million.

Rebuilding across the devastated region is expected to cost \$200 billion or more in the near term. The final tab could approach the more than \$300 billion spent thus far on U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress has already approved \$62 billion for the disaster, but that is expected to run out next month.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., speaking after the president’s address, said the recovery programs would add to the nation’s debt. GOP leaders are open to suggestions from lawmakers to cut government spending elsewhere, he said.

KERR

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watching television coverage and seeing the agonized look on a woman’s face after rescue workers told her that she would have to leave her small dog behind. Guardsmen threatened to handcuff the woman when she refused to climb aboard their helicopter without her dog.

“I understand it is humans first,” Kerr said, “but for someone who is very close to their dog, it is like losing a child.”

Kerr, who owns two Akitas

named Karma and Tonic, sympathizes with pet owners in hurricane-devastated regions who do not want to leave their animals despite the danger.

Like Platt, who ran into his burning home in an effort to save his Labrador, Kerr said that he also would attempt to rescue his dogs from fire and understands why people try to sneak their pets past the eyes of rescue workers.

The professor hopes that some of the money will go to help reunite currently sheltered animals with their owners. He believes many of these animals probably belong to less-affluent citizens

unable to flee the area and save things of value, including their pets.

“For a poor, single person, an animal is more than an animal,” Kerr said.

Kerr will continue toting tonic bottles with him until Sept. 30. He will donate a fourth of the proceeds to help Jeff and send the rest to human shelters in gulf regions and the Red Cross.

Kerr has a long history of goodwill endeavors aside from carrying jugs around to collect money.

He participated in the Red Cross’ Second Annual Bachelors Auction and received the second

highest bid, even beating Griz mascot Monte.

The lucky lady bidder paid \$775 to accompany Kerr to the elegant, though now defunct, Missoula restaurant, Perugia Old World Cooking.

Kerr said that he takes on his projects of generosity because so many people have helped him over the course of his life and he wants to reciprocate the kindness.

He hopes his students will have a similar “outpouring of positive energy.”

Kerr believes the magnitude of devastation caused by large disaster situations, such as Hurricane

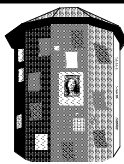
Katrina, can overwhelm students and make them feel they can do little to help.

“It is daunting,” Kerr said, “but it is like that old riddle. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.”

He said that by donating even pocket change, students could collectively raise a substantial sum of money and make a difference in people’s lives.

“What if you looked back on your life and realized you never made a difference at all and were only selfish? It would be like a bad ‘Twilight Zone’ episode. When I go to the big kennel in the

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